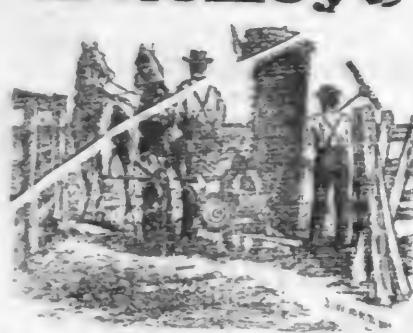


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AUGUST ELECTION.

FOR CONGRESS.
ROBERT MALLORY,
OF OLDHAM COUNTY.

FOR STATE TREASURER.
JAMES H. GARRARD,
OF CLAY COUNTY.

This country would recently have been surprised, if it could be surprised at any event now, by a report in the papers that, at the solicitation of a colored delegation, President Johnson had continued martial law in this State, until the people "become sensible of their own interests." This means no more nor less than until they were coerced into the adoption of the Constitutional amendment. "It is the ratification of the policy spoken of in the Journal of retaining the military in this State, "under a real or pretended necessity," until emancipation was acknowledged by the whole of this State.

We do not know how much credence to give to this fact. It seems such an arbitrary and unreasonable exercise of illegitimate power that we are slow to believe it. We learned a few days since that Mississippi, Tennessee, and certain other States which had been in rebellion, were to be regarded as pacified. How Kentucky, which has never been in rebellion, that is free from all guerrilla parties, is to be put on a footing with the seceded States, is difficult to understand.

How does it come, too, that this despotic exercise of power is granted at the solicitation of a class of people who are not citizens of this State? It seems from this that the negroes in this State have in their power, through their influence, to enslave the white men, since martial law is, at best, but a system of slavery. What adds to the extraordinary character of this act is the fact that the people regularly, through their constituted authorities, the Legislature, had petitioned for the cessation of martial law.

The spectacle is presented of ignoring and denying the wishes of a loyal Legislature, expressing the undoubted wishes of the Commonwealth, and granting that of a class ignorant and interested in the continuance of unlawful rule.

These are the arguments, then, offered by General Palmer and his journalists and black allies in the pending election. The people are told that if they do not consent to measures repugnant to their interest, a system of outrageous oppression will be continued. It is using the lash to force measures and opinions. It is perfecting the sias and armis of the United States to the purpose of crushing public sentiment. It has no justification in law or morals.

The radicals in Kentucky make a futile pretense that they are opposed to negro suffrage. They talk of the inferiority of the negro, and tell us that he is incompetent to the duties of freeman. They say they will not confer the right of regulating the affairs of the State upon the negro, yet, while this is going on; while General Palmer is ridiculing the idea of the equality of the races, and the Journal is ostentatiously denouncing it, the former, by the aid of these inferior blacks, whose equality is denied, is regulating the most important affairs of this State against the expressed wishes of the white.

This is an absurd contradiction. To say that the negro is a competent judge to decide whether martial law shall continue or not; that his decision shall overrule that of the Legislature, and yet to affirm that the negro is incompetent to the duties of suffrage is a ridiculous absurdity. Gen. Palmer did not believe it in taking those negroes on to Washington. They have exercised a higher and more effectual power than the right of suffrage. Six or eight of them have defeated and overruled the wishes of nine-tenths of the people of the State. Six or eight have exercised more power in affairs belonging entirely to the people of the State than our Governor, Legislature and Judiciary combined could. How absurd, then, to hear or read rhetorical flourishes from men who have produced and justified and defend this influence about opposition to negro suffrage. If the blacks are competent to decide the question of martial law in Kentucky, they are certainly competent to decide all minor affairs. If the wishes of a white Legislature are to be conformed and despised when opposed to the influence of six or eight negroes and a Department General, in the estimation of partisans, that is the greatest absurdity.

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Brevet Major General Ferrero will detail an officer as employment agent, who will direct it should be kept a register of all colored persons, and that all those who may desire employment, classifying them according to sex and trade or occupation, with a short descriptive list of each.

"All persons desiring to hire servants or laborers of any kind, are requested to call at the office of the employment agent, who will be pleased to examine the register and select from it such persons as they wish to hire, stating the compensation they are willing to give, which must be fair and reasonable, to be determined by the employment agent, who will be selected by the employer, and if willing, will be employed and dropped from the list. If not willing to work such persons will not be permitted to draw pay."

"In order to provide alike for those wishing to employ and be employed, the following arrangements will immediately be made:

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